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A BILL ON CAPITOL HILL
SOPA and PIPA may just be bills, but they've stirred up some digital protests recently. Read about the bills below and view original copies of them online at **BGNEWS.COM**

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Students, faculty weigh in on website protests

By Max Filby
News Editor

For Chris Bailey, what normally takes a few minutes took a few loopholes and a little longer Wednesday.

Bailey, a junior studying computer science at the University, discovered the ongoing online protests Wednesday after seeing posts related to the proposed Stop Online Piracy Act and Protect Intellectual Property Act in his Facebook News Feed. While

Bailey typically references Wikipedia for quick online sources, he was unable to do so due to the protests.

"I use Wikipedia and Google all the time to get references," Bailey said. "You can find almost anything in under five minutes on those sites."

While some students may have found alternative sources for the day, Bailey found a way around it by logging onto Wikipedia's mobile site.

"All my friends were freaking out," Bailey said. "I told them all you have

"... It would just put way too many restrictions on everything."

Chris Bailey | Student

to do is type in an extra character to get to the mobile site."

Wikipedia was one of a few sites that protested SOPA and PIPA Wednesday

by blacking out the English version of its website, according to Wikipedia and an article in The New York Times on Wednesday.

SOPA aims to prevent the "streaming of copyrighted works in violation of criminal law," according to House Bill 3261. Similarly, PIPA aims to prevent "real online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property," according to Senate Bill 968.

While students at the University

are taking note of the online protests, some faculty are keeping an eye on the digital uproar as well. Victoria Ekstrand, an associate professor teaching media law and ethics this semester, is following the news about SOPA and PIPA.

Figuring out some sort of legislation regarding Internet regulation and preventing piracy is hard to do,

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A CULTURAL CRESCENDO

Symphonies unite to mix modern, ancient music in 'Roman Carnival Spectacular'

By Troy Chamberlain
Reporter

The BGSU Wind Symphony and the Toledo Symphony joined forces last night to resurrect ancient

Roman arena entertainment in their performance of contemporary American composer John Corigliano's, "Circus Maximus."

The piece was one of four played as part of the Roman Carnival

Spectacular, held in Kobacker Hall Thursday. All pieces played carried the Roman theme, but "Circus Maximus" brought the Roman theatrics into being.

"[Circus Maximus] is a really cool

piece, the way it's written with the surround-sound trumpet calls," said Lance Witty, a fifth-year music

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Occupy BG restructures, changes focus

December arrests increase group resolve

By Alex Alusheff
Social Media Editor

After enduring a police raid that dismantled its camp and led to three arrests in early December, Occupy BG still stands, claiming the action gained the group more support.

"We actually got a lot more sympathizers after the raid," said Gilbert Bentley, one of the arrested protesters.

After the raid, people became more impassioned, gaining the group support of people who might have been on the fence, Bentley said.

While the raid may have given the group a boost in public awareness, it removed the group from its visible encampment the general public could see on a daily basis.

A big part of the Occupy Movement is the visual protest, said freshman

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Strategic Planning committee conducts survey to improve graduate program

By Danae King
Pulse Editor

About ten minutes of your life, clicking your opinion on 43 questions — this is all it takes to make a difference in the future of graduate education at the University.

Wednesday the Strategic Planning Committee for Graduate Education and Research at the University sent an email to all graduate students and University faculty. The email contains a link to a survey about graduate strategic planning.

The committee has already



Michael Ogawa
Interim Dean of the Graduate College

conducted focus groups of Graduate Students and faculty to gain feedback and are now going a step further with a survey.

"The survey is to include people who couldn't make those meetings [of the focus group]," said Michael Ogawa, interim dean of the graduate college. "We want to reach out to as many people as possible."

The survey will close Jan. 31, giving students approximately two weeks to fill out the survey, said David Sleasman, president of the Graduate Student Senate.

"The more graduate students we get to respond, the more impact we'll have," Sleasman said. "It's a smaller population — this is a chance for us to define it."

Sleasman's goal for the survey is to get 1,000 of the 3,000 approximate graduate students at the University, to fill it out, Sleasman

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FROZEN IN TIME



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CELEBRATING the Union's decade on campus, the University displayed an ice sculpture outside Thursday. A cake cutting ceremony also took place, in the main lobby of the Union at 12:30 p.m.

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Photo of the day

Visit our site Friday for a photo Thursday's Android tablet winner for the Union's celebrations.

PULSE

Students flaunt high-fashion

Pulse Reporter, Megan Kraft, analyzes how students translate runway trends to University chic style ready for the classroom. | **PAGE 3**

SPORTS

Falcons takedown Miami 65-57

For the first time since 2002, the BG men's basketball team defeated Miami in Oxford. | **PAGE 7**



FORUM

Speak out, say 'no' to SOPA, PIPA

Forum Editor, Stephan Reed explores a recent bill that could restrict individual rights on the internet. | **PAGE 4**

What's the best place to shop on a budget for clothes?



"On Zappos, for cheap shoes."

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WED., JAN. 18

6:50 P.M.

Complainant reported an unknown subject used her name at Toledo Edison bank for a bill more than \$2,000.

7:07 P.M.

Complainant reported two subjects from a fraudulent agency solicited her within the 300 block of North Prospect Street.

8:14 P.M.

Clyde S. Milligan, 52, of Bowling Green, was arrested for aggravated menacing within the 800 block of South Wintergarden Road. He was transported to the Wood County Justice Center.

THURS., JAN. 19

1:49 A.M.

Philip L. Stuart, 38, of

Weston, Ohio, was arrested for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct/unable to care for oneself within the 800 block of Eighth Street. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

2:23 A.M.

Unknown subjects were reported to be tipping over trash cans near North Prospect and Ridge streets.

2:35 A.M.

John Ross Nicholson, 28, of Bowling Green, was arrested for a failure to appear in court warrant within the 300 block of East Court Street. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

ONLINE: Go to bgviews.com for the complete blotter list.

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Ekstrand said.

"It's very difficult to draw lines around the Internet and decide what is acceptable and not acceptable," Ekstrand said. "Where exactly do we draw the line?"

Bills like SOPA and PIPA would criminalize behavior related to piracy, allowing the government to go in and shut down a site's domain without any "due process," Ekstrand said. Due process refers to typical treatment through the judicial process, such as a court order or a subpoena.

Internet regulation laws have struggled for two decades now in trying to adopt "old laws for a new medium,"

Ekstrand said. Such legislation may likely censor more than it would protect, she said.

"The overall intent of the bills were good," Ekstrand said. "But they brought in a bulldozer for something they only needed shovels to do."

Ekstrand believes citizens like Bailey, who agree with or participate in online protests are "crafting their own law," she said.

Although Bailey tries "to stay out of politics," he agrees with the idea of protesting the bills.

"Thank you for protecting Wikipedia. (We're not done yet)," Bailey read from the top of a Wikipedia page.

"It's a great idea for the government to have something like this, but it would just put way too many restrictions on everything," he said.

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performance major and trumpeter. "It's definitely different than anything I've ever encountered in college."

Preparation for the piece, Witty said, was a more arduous task than other concerts he has played – in part for its compositional difficulty, but also because bands' opportunities for combined rehearsal – opportunities that came only twice prior to last night's staging.

"That makes it really difficult because you have to get all the same tempos, all the musical elements," Witty said.

The performance commenced at 8 p.m. with conductor Jeffrey Pollock leading the Toledo Symphony

in French composer Hector Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture, Op. 9" (1843).

From there, the performance moved into Corigliano's "Circus Maximus" (2004). University band director and music professor, Bruce Moss, replaced Pollock and the Wind Symphony prepared to play its piece.

Moss gave a brief introduction before the piece began.

"The management asked I give a short introduction to this piece," Moss said. "The fire marshal and police requested I do as well."

Another jolt rocked the crowd with the third movement of "Circus Maximus."

On moving to the sixth movement of "Circus Maximus," a marching band walked through the audience.

The final part followed a crescendo, just before a blast, the fall of Rome. A shotgun fired from the main stage.

"Circus Maximus" closed, saluted by a standing ovation.

"The parallels between the high decadence of Rome and our present time are obvious. Entertainment dominates our reality, and ever-more-extreme 'reality' shows dominate our entertainment," Corigliano wrote.

Area high school students attended the concert as part of a music clinic hosted at the University from Wednesday through Saturday. Two clinic participants were Cara Mitchell, of Rocky River High School. For her, the piece was a bit hard to receive.

Mitchell knew of the shotgun blast ending the piece before it came, due to a warning sign at the entrance.

"I kind wish they hadn't done that," Mitchell said.

Following intermission, Pollock returned to lead his symphony with Russian composer Aram Khachaturian's piece, "Spartacus Concert Suite" (1954). Italian composer, Ottorino Respighi's, "The Pines of Rome," concluded the concert.

The Wind Symphony will travel to the Peristyle in Toledo on Friday and Saturday for repeat performances. Tickets are available at Toledosymphony.com or the Symphony's box office. Friday will be Witty's first time playing at the Peristyle. "It's a great opportunity, it's really cool to get to play in a professional venue like that," he said. "[The piece] is a bit abrasive but it is one of a kind which makes it a piece to be heard."

OCCUPY

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Josh Chamberland, who was also arrested during the raid.

Since the raid, Occupy BG has moved its general assembly meetings to Grounds For Thought, a business that has supported them since the beginning.

"We appreciate any group getting involved in the democratic process and we're happy to support them," said Laura Wicks, Grounds co-owner.

Hosting the meeting grounds of a larger group may seem more of a burden than donating a pot of coffee here and there, but Wicks said it is no burden at all.

"Most people in the movement are regular customers and have been supporting us for years and it's always nice to have a full house," she said.

"It's nice to give back."

Wicks said by running a business and raising her family in Bowling Green, it makes sense to give back to the community when it has given so much to her business.

Another obstacle Occupy BG recently faced was the University's Winter Break.

The group lost a lot of student members who had to leave for the break, Bentley said. But it allowed for more one-on-one interaction between the remaining members.

Over break, the group restructured and changed its focus on personal projects as well as moving its meetings to every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"We're working to inform people a lot more now and work to become more educated ... which is better than standing outside freezing together over politics,"

Bentley said.

Occupy BG is currently focusing on rallying in support of Bentley and Taylor Scribner's pretrial Friday at 11 a.m.

The two pleaded not guilty to their initial charges of obstructing official business as well as the littering ticket they were issued by the police when they went to claim the group's confiscated equipment after the raid.

Chamberland's court date is Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m. where he is also facing charges of obstructing official business as well as resisting arrest. All three are facing a possible \$750 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

The University also took action against Chamberland, making him write a three-page paper on how to properly protest and placing him on probation until next fall,

Chamberland said.

After the legal issues blow over, Bentley said he would like to see Occupy BG do more community service, have more protests, and keep the public more informed on popular issues.

"We've seen what happens when the word gets out," he said, referring to Internet protests of the Stop Online Piracy Act, where sites like Google and Wikipedia censored themselves and urged users to sign petitions against the act.

By raising public concern about the issue and the response from the online community, the protest showed people cared and want change, Bentley said.

"If you tell people the truth, they make the best decisions ... and that's what Occupy strives for: forming a better opinion and striving for equilibrium," he said.

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said.

"I feel that would send a strong message if 1,000 students responded," Sleasman said.

Michael Zickar, committee chair, said his goal for response is 100 percent, but said it's about more than how many people respond.

"What I really want is everyone to feel like they had the opportunity to participate if they choose to," Zickar said. "It's going to give an opportunity basically for everyone to give input on what they think and value

about graduate education."

The survey asks questions to help the committee identify criteria which it is going to use to form goals and strategies, Sleasman said.

Some questions concern the value of graduate programs for the University as a whole and for the person surveyed personally, according to the survey.

"[The survey will] show people's perception of what's working and what's not working in graduate education," Sleasman said.

There is also a space on the survey for comments and further responses where those who take it

can respond with a lengthier answer. Zickar hopes people will really take advantage of this section of the survey.

"Current students can provide thoughts from their experience at Bowling Green," Ogawa said. "It's important to have that input."

The results of the survey and the Strategic Plan will benefit the future of graduate education at the University, Sleasman said.

"I'm excited that the administration wants to take a long range plan and evaluation of graduate education," Zickar said. "I'm just excited to be a part of it."

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Artistry & Industry

Students prepare for variety of positions in fashion world

By Danae King
Pulse Editor

The Apparel Merchandising and Product Development program at the University is more than just "shopping and spending money."

Phyllis Henry, who has been part of the program since 1988, said many students come into the program thinking it will be easy, but it's not.

The program has changed a lot during the years, Henry said. It has become more about the business side of fashion.

"This kind of program gives you the opportunity to blend [creativity and business]," said Amanda Muhammad, an assistant professor in the department.

One way the program incorpo-

rates business is through a marketing minor, which is required for most majors. Students can also choose to spend a year at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, which counts as a minor as well.

The program leans less toward design and more toward the business of buying and selling, said Apparel Merchandising and Product Development student Abby Dennstedt.

"In the end it's all about being able to market products and yourself and make them relevant," Dennstedt said.

Presentation is an important part of the major, said Mariana Mitova, an instructor in the department.

"We offer more than just study on fashion," Mitova said. "We teach business situations; mer-

chandising is our focus."

One way the program teaches merchandising is through hands-on projects. Muhammad had her class put together window displays for local businesses which were displayed during the holiday.

Window displays are not the only thing the program puts together.

"It's a great melding of attributes or skills," Muhammad said. "You don't have to be ingrained in one side, there's a lot of area for movement."

The program also incorporates more than one area of study.

"It's interdisciplinary, for people who aren't completely concrete on what they want to do," she said.

Muhammad said the program is something that can benefit stu-

dents who like fashion but don't want to be designers.

The major can lead to several different careers, such as retail management, buying, visual merchandising, forecasting (spotting trends, analyzing upcoming trends), quality management in production, marketing, and the business aspect of product development and creation, Mitova said.

"Every day is going to be a little bit different in the industry," Muhammad said. "It's exciting, challenging."

The instructors provide examples from the industry in almost every class, Mitova said.

The students get to do things like deconstruct clothing and put it back together to teach them sequencing, develop textile patterns on the computer, evaluate clothing quality and analyze retail

situations. In one class, students even use concept to develop an entire fashion line, Mitova said.

"The department is really growing and developing," Muhammad said. "We're trying to make sure we keep the department as current as possible."

During the course of the next year, the program is introducing two new courses — one about the business of retailing and one about multi-channel retail, which offers a global perspective and many different mediums of retail.

Henry encourages students to join the program because of the diversity of the discipline.

"The fact [is] that you're getting fashion related classes and also getting the business aspect," Henry said. "There are many options; students have to be willing to explore."

PULSE trends Vera Bradley items bring color to college life



By Tara Keller
Pulse Columnist

In the midst of the cold and monotonous Bowling Green winter, there are many bright spots of color that cheer up a Falcon's day. I can't get from Kreischer to West Hall without seeing at least one girl who has donned a Vera Bradley product, which serves as a flowery reminder that snow doesn't stay forever.

This trend I started noticing last year when I began college is one I greatly approve of. Too often I see people in dark, depressing garb, with their demeanors appearing to be just as somber as their outfits. Whether their frowns are induced by their wardrobe, I have yet to ask.

Fortunately, Vera Bradley is famous for its colorful and

usually floral patterns. I would much rather see flowers adorning girls' purses than skulls or other omens of death. Vera's accessories, which range from purses to backpacks, have taken college campuses by storm.

Amy Craft Ahrens, the owner of For Keeps located in downtown Bowling Green, has also noticed and appreciated the popular trend.

"Vera is a versatile line that has something for everybody," Ahrens said. "They're fashion-forward and always on top of the next color trend."

For Keeps started carrying Vera Bradley seven years ago and has seen excited customers ranging from 15 to 75 years old purchasing the newest items.

"Vera Bradley is a huge line for us," Ahrens said.

College girls, myself includ-

ed, are especially big fans of the zip ID card holders. These are excellent for our BG1 Cards and fit perfectly clipped onto our lanyards. I never have to worry about losing my cards again, knowing Vera is keeping them safe for me.

The line comes out with new products four times a year, and their spring collection was actually just introduced yesterday.

One color pattern that Ahrens is excited to see how people react to is called Camellia. The print is in black and white, with more muted and subdued tones, Ahrens said.

Whether it's a pink and white book bag or a black laptop case, Vera Bradley has definitely put its stamp on collegiate life and makes the dreary Bowling Green weather just a little bit brighter.

Students translate high fashion trends to suit their needs

By Megan Kraft
Pulse Columnist

The new year has welcomed the University with numerous new trends, already rocked on campus by fashionable Falcons. As Vogue.com releases designers' look-books — including Kanye West, Betsey Johnson and Just Cavalli — students are seen replicating trends in their own unique way.

Apparel Merchandising and Product Development majors agree on how Falcons translate high fashion into appropriate dress for college classes.

Ashley Lewis, a student in the Apparel Merchandising and Product Development program at the University, describes the translation as "not automatically accepted by the masses."

"Runway fashions and celebrity fashion trends are usually very fashion-forward and can be considered outrageous at times," Lewis said. "Individuals of a small population of students will introduce the trends

"Fashion blogs, celebrities and magazines help me translate from runway to everyday."

Adrina Wolf | Student

to the University, followed by the late majority, and soon a large percentage of the University is aware of the new look. It's part of the fashion cycle, and trends are adjusted at each stage to appeal to the masses."

Adrina Wolf, an Apparel Merchandising and Product Development student, said she does not think translation is hard to do with the help of magazines.

"Since high fashion looks are more for show and not to wear, I draw ideas from them to make them wearable. Fashion blogs,

PEOPLE ON THE STREET *What's the best place to shop on a budget for clothes?*



"Plato's Closet."



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Proposed bill may restrict Internet content



STEPHAN REED
FORUM EDITOR

"I'm a fan of transparency between the government and its people."

If you were hastily writing a last minute research paper on Wednesday, you may have noticed Wikipedia.org was shut down in order to raise awareness against the "Stop Online Piracy Act" (SOPA).

Along with Wikipedia, Google, Reddit.com, Imgur.com and various other popular websites blocked access to the majority of their sites for the same reason.

But what is SOPA and why does it need to be stopped?

SOPA is currently making its way through Congress. If passed, the government could block access to sites that are under suspicion of piracy.

A real life example would be no access to PirateBay.org, according to an article on CNNMoney.com. PirateBay is a Swedish based website which allows its patrons to upload and download content from their site.

The way they justify this: those laws aren't as strict across seas.

The ads on their site generate enough money to keep the site running and keep a lot of poor college students happy.

Youtube.com may also be effected. If the bill passes, get ready for more annoying ads. Many people look at the uploader of music videos and if it the username contains "Vevo," they will just click a different link. However, those other links will not exist if SOPA passes. Our alternatives will be eliminated.

Now, I have had run-ins with Youtube before about copyrighted materials. I have an email sitting in my inbox right now telling me that I am not allowed to upload a song, which I wrote and recorded in my room, along with an image, which I created using a paid stock image site.

It's already difficult enough to upload content to Youtube; why restrict peoples' options even more?

Because of greed.

If there is only one source of the video, advertisers can pay big bucks to put their volume boosted ads there, resulting in a paycheck for big name uploaders and longer waits for the everyday users who just want to hear their favorite Katy Perry songs without having to sit through a commercial.

I may come off as a conspiracy theorist, but imagine if the government begins to restrict what they call "possible threats to copyright."

Who's to say something they don't want heard isn't "suspicious?"

In China, images of Tiananmen Square do not show up on image sites. I don't want that to happen in the United States.

I'm a fan of transparency between the government and its people.

I am a fan of self expression and internet presence.

I am not a fan of bills that restrict the one place where we all really are equals — the internet.

Now, what can you do help stop this bill? Talk to your congressperson by going to <http://american-censorship.org/modal/call-form-moz.html> or sign the petition at <https://www.google.com/landing/takeaction/>.

As one of my friends stated, if there's an online war, the people will win. We are creative, and we are crafty. We find ways around the rules. We have notorious web crashers "Anonymous" on our side.

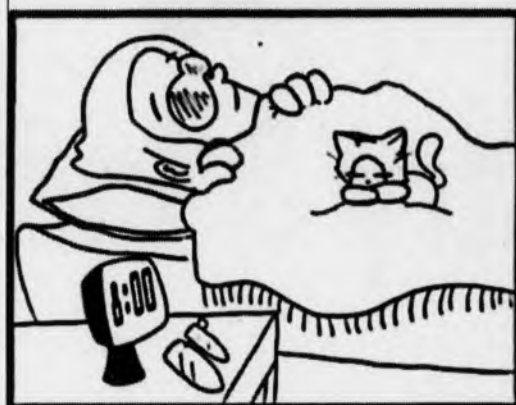
My message to Congress is to make it easy on yourself and just veto the bill.

After all, rumor has it that Obama will send back the bill as soon as it hits his desk.

Let your voice be heard before it is eventually deemed "suspicious."

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Obama will be re-elected in 2012, thanks to Republican infighting



MEAGAN WARD
COLUMNIST

Although there have been, thus far, 16 Republican nominee debates, with conservative candidates doing well in the polls in comparison to current President Barack Obama, Republicans must be weary.

With candidates attacking each other over every little aspect; religion, marital status, past votes, income taxes and past words spoken they are slowly putting America into the hands of Barack Obama for another four years.

Last month, Ann Coulter came out with an eye-catching article titled, "Newt Presents a Fresh New Virtual Face."

Many conservatives enjoy reading what Ann Coulter has to say about the possible presidential nominee for the GOP. Yet, with her mass criticism of Gingrich, all she is doing is allowing liberals to say, "Well look at how horrible Gingrich is. Even prominent political analysts from his own party think he is inept."

Coulter writes how "Newt, who was married at the time, also began dating again." You could tear every GOP candidate that is running into pieces if you really wanted to — yet meaningless, highly personal history of an individual is not the point.

The other day, I heard someone make a valid point. He quoted the ever-so-famous Winston Churchill who said, "If we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find we have lost the future."

The past has gone away. To Republican voters and Conservatives, the most important aspect of who should be the GOP fore-runner would be someone who is willing to reduce our national debt, revise social security, reduce the unemployment rate, advance healthcare reform and improve our diplomatic relations.

The candidates and pundits should, then, be focusing on solutions and what sets their ideas apart from the others, instead of consistently stating what is personally wrong with each candidate.

Statements put out by Super PACs endorsing candi-

"The debate each voter should think about is between Barack Obama and how each other candidate would address concerns facing the nation."

dates have gone too far with their attacks on others.

On Tuesday night's debate, Romney stated how Gingrich's political PAC's tactics and commercials targeting Romney were the "biggest hoax since Bigfoot." There are other comments, such as, someone is not worth a vote, Ron Paul previously wrote a racist newsletter, Gingrich would be a terrible president — claimed by sitting congressmen along with Coulter and Glenn Beck — and Romney is a flip-flopper. These do nothing but negatively affect every candidate.

Although voters should think critically to find the best forerunner for the Republican candidate for president, this only means going to a certain extent.

The recent debates have turned into not just debating about issues, but noteworthy pity fighting between candidates that the American people have taken note of.

We must remember we are all humans and all of us make mistakes, but this has gone to a personal level.

The debate each voter should think about is between Barack Obama and how each other candidate would address concerns facing the nation.

Only then can voters figure out who, out of the four men running for the GOP nominee, is best suited to take on Barack Obama in the 2012 Presidential election.

Consequently, the political infighting is only hurting their own cause and feeding opponents exactly what they want to hear.

This is essentially aiding in Barack Obama's re-election this November.

The left has always claimed Republicans are stupid, and I am beginning to think this may be true.

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Students showcase merchandising talent



ALISCIA BOHANAN and Tanisha Fields, Apparel Merchandising and Product Development students, work on inspiration boards for their apparel lines.



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STUDENTS in the Apparel Merchandising and Product Development program designed window displays for BG Hats and Apparel and Coyote Beads and Jewelry.

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FASHION

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celebrities and magazines help me translate from runway to everyday," Wolf said. "For example, in all the magazines I read there are always sections that show a runway outfit and a variation of it with affordable prices. Most college students can't afford to spend thousands of dollars on one outfit. But if the price is dropped to say \$50, it may become a reality."

Emily Bennet, an Apparel Merchandising and Product Development major, said she translates high fashion to her personal style easily.

"As runway fashion is always evolving, I try to shape the current styles to create my own innovative look," Bennet said. "I use current trends from run-

way fashions as a source of insight, and I think a lot of students do that as well."

"A favorite designer that creates affordable high-fashion looks is Alice McCall. The London-born Australian designer has an exclusive range with General Pants entitled 'Gracie,' and also McCall for Topshop. These lines are fashionable, affordable, and easily available to college students," Bennet said.

Most of the Apparel Merchandising and Product Development students said they don't think the University's campus is too concerned with high fashion looks.

"Because BG is a smaller town, the trends are more relaxed and casual, and people seem to dress for comfort rather than follow current fashion trends," Haley Radachi, Apparel Merchandising

and Product Development student, said.

Radachi claims students choose to find inspiration from other sources.

"Couture trends may not seem practical to students, and they will instead turn to celebrities who take their own spin on a specific trend, and inspire students to do the same," Radachi said.

Though high fashion looks are rarely seen cat-walking across campus, Lewis adds, "In my opinion, many students on campus have a great sense of style; many of which are Apparel Merchandising and Product Development majors. A lot of the trends I see on campus are high waist shorts and pants, above the knee boots and pattern tights. These trends might seem a bit over the top, but the girls I have seen do it do so in a relatable and stylish way."

ALBUM REVIEW

In 2008 Young Jeezy was on top of the world.

He was one of the hottest rappers in the game coming off his wildly successful "The Recession" album. It spawned hits like "My President is Black" and "Put On," which featured one of Kanye West's first attempts at auto-tune.

In the three years since his last release, Jeezy has fallen on some hard times: multiple unsuccessful singles, constant album delays and of course, being essentially replaced by new drug rap king pin, Rick Ross.

Jeezy's third installment of his famed "Thug Motivation" series was do or die. And the Atlanta rapper undoubtedly delivers.

"TM 103: Hustlerz Ambition" is packed with bass-heavy, hard-hitting beats, motivational drug talk,



By Zach Gase

Grade: B

Artist: Young Jeezy

Album: TM 103: Hustlerz Ambition

guest spots from some of the hottest rappers in the game and intoxicating, stadium-sized hooks.

Even Jeezy's "songs for the ladies" are enjoyable. On the ultra-smooth, "Leave You Alone" Ne-Yo stops by for an excellent hook. And the big Andre 3000/Jay-Z collaboration, "I Do" shows Jeezy has a more grown-up, sensitive side as well.

The missteps are few and far between on "103," "All We Do (Smoke and F***)" suffers from a rare boring chorus.

If you're a Young Jeezy or a "trap rap" fan, "TM 103: Hustlerz Ambition" is the album for you.

Back in 2008, Jeezy and Obama were two very popular figures in Popular Culture, and were linked by Jeezy's popular single, "My President is Black," which pre-dated his election.

Now, nearly four years later, Jeezy looks like he will remain one of the most popular rappers for a few more years; Obama's next term looks a little less likely.

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Band pairs up with Red Cross for CD release party

By Erin Cox
Pulse Reporter

Local band Abby Ray decided to make charity a part of their CD release party at Cla-Zel Theatre Thursday night.

The band teamed up with the Greater Toledo Red Cross for the release of their CD "Blue Ray," so that 15 percent of the CD sales will go to the Red Cross.

"I play music for two reasons," said vocalist Abby Ray. "The first is for the charity for others and the second is to share my story with other people."

Ray contacted the Red Cross about working together for the "Blue Ray" release party, and the director told Ray she was the first artist to ever approach the chapter about doing an event together like this.

"This is going to be a trial run for them to see if it's something they will keep doing, so I hope it is a good turnout," Ray said.

"Blue Ray" consists of four songs. Three have listed song titles, but the other has a secret title, and that song is also a live acoustic version.

Ray said the CD would classify as a pop genre, but the band would not consider itself simply a pop band.

"I'm a writer, so I can't classify my music because it is what it is," Ray said. "We have more than one genre."

Lead guitarist and co-writer Cory Hillman said he comes from more of a hard rock and metal background, but Ray is more a country and pop singer.

Ray has previously released a solo CD, but this is the first



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for the band.

"I released my first CD, 'The Naked Truth,' in September 2010 and I wanted to prepare myself for the release of my second," Ray said. "I wanted to get local recognition, and the way to do that was to get a band together and perform at the local bars."

The band got together in February 2011, and it consisted of Ray, Hillman, bass player Ben Summers and drummer Jason Parrit.

The band puts a lot of time and work into their music, but Ray said it remains just a hobby for them.

Hillman is a doctoral student at the University in the School of Media and Communication and has had to manage his time effectively to balance school and work.

"I used to play baseball, which was my release, but now music is a stress reliever," Hillman said. "It keeps

me sane. I need something to do outside of school, and music is that for me now."

Ray, Hillman and Brett Dennison of Firefly Studios in Toledo together write all of the band's songs.

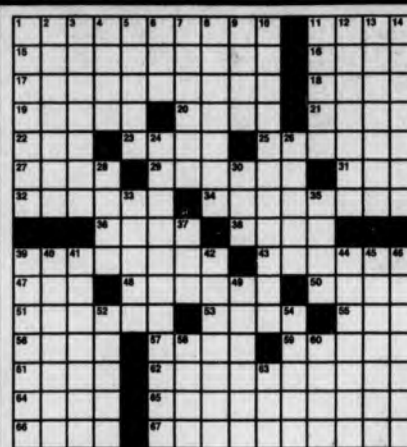
"The songs are about personal experience, my own outlook on life and obstacles I've had to deal with," Ray said.

Abby Ray plays around the area mostly, but it traveled to Nashville in the summer of 2011 for a songwriter festival where it had the opportunity to perform as well.

Freshman Ashlee Ford had never heard of Abby Ray before, but as for Thursday night's "Blue Ray" release party at Cla-Zel, she said she would be more likely to go to a concert that had some of its proceeds going to a charity.

"It's for a good cause," Ford said. "There's less fortunate people in the world who would be helped from it."

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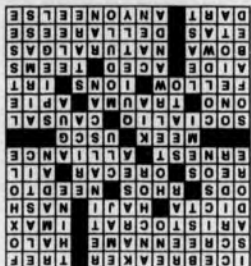
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- 20 Certain pilgrim
- 21 "Our House" songwriter
- 22 Some ER admissions
- 23 Campus letters
- 25 Must
- 27 Autos featured in the John Wayne film "Big Jake"
- 29 Mine sight
- 31 Hurt
- 32 Chubby Checker's real first name
- 34 Bond
- 36 Yielding
- 38 Its motto is Latin for "Always prepared": Abbr.

- 39 Measure of interpersonal skills
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- 47 "Bed-in for Peace" figure
- 48 Shock
- 50 Cap-; from head to toe
- 51 Subsidized grad student
- 53 Charge carriers
- 55 Subway under B'way
- 56 Hill worker
- 57 Zipped through
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- 61 Five-time 1970s Phillies All-Star shortstop
- 62 Cooking aid
- 64 JFK postings
- 65 Singer/actress discovered by Mahalia Jackson
- 66 Old Dodge
- 67 "Next?"

- 1 Joe Lieberman's middle name
- 2 1957 Chuck Willis hit
- 3 11th-century explorer
- 4 Letter sign-off
- 5 Do a road crew's job
- 6 Roxy Music alum
- 7 Linchpin
- 8 Waters off Siberia
- 9 Key with four sharps: Abbr.
- 10 Biometric identification technique
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SCOTT THOMAS, BG forward, charges the ball up the court during BG's 87-44 win against Malone.

REDHAWK DOWN

Crawford's 25 points lead Falcons to win against Miami

By Ryan Satkowiak
Sports Editor

The BG men's basketball team did something Wednesday night it hadn't done in nearly 10 years.

It beat Miami at Millett Hall.

Jordon Crawford dropped a career-high 25 points, while Scott Thomas nearly had a unique triple-double (11 points, 11 rebounds and eight steals) to lead the Falcons to a 65-57 win, their first win against the

RedHawks on the road since Feb. 20, 2002.

The Falcons overcame a four-point halftime deficit by outscoring Miami 41-29 in the second half.

"They closed out the [first] half on a 5-0 run, so we knew our defense had to tighten up," said coach Louis Orr. "I thought that was the key in the second half. We held them to

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BG gymnastics looks to get on track versus No. 21 West Virginia

By Daniel Sierra
Reporter

The BG gymnastics team aims to take another step forward this weekend, as it takes on No. 21 West Virginia in Anderson Arena.

Although the team is coming off a 193.05-191.95 loss to Central Michigan, an improvement of over three points in score from week one gives coach Kerrie Beach plenty of encouragement.

"The potential is through the roof right now," Beach said. "I think they are starting to realize that they can go so much further, and I think it's motivating them to get to the next level."

The room for improvement is clear, as the Falcons have yet to compete on uneven bars or balance beam without counting a fall.

While the beam lineup showed flashes of brilliance last weekend, bars continue to be a work in progress, with several gymnasts working their way back into the lineup. Until then, Beach would like to see more mental toughness on the event.

"We're just trying to get the athletes that are out there to be confident in what they're doing," she said. "Putting them in pressure situations is something that we're doing this week to try and help them hit their routines on the first try."

Vault is another event with the potential for upgrades. Currently, BG is competing only four vaults with the highest difficulty rating — a 10.0. Megan Harrington, Amanda Lievendag, Leah Miko and Sunny Marchand are all training vaults that could bolster the Falcons' scores.

"Sunny has a 10.0 vault that's been very successful in the past," Beach said. "We're also hoping that Megan Harrington can start working on her twisting vault again. She was looking really good on that before her ankle sprain. It's exciting to see

"We're just trying to get the athletes that are out there to be confident in what they're doing."

Kerrie Beach | BG Coach

the potential for more 10.0 vaults, and we'll be working those into the lineup as they're ready."

While the possibilities within her young team are compelling, Beach is careful not to push for too much too soon. Gymnastics is a sport that hinges on peaking at the right time, and Beach wants the team to be at its best for the Mid-American Conference Championships in late March.

This philosophy is evidenced by her decision to rest standout Danielle Wishart on two events last weekend after Wishart suffered a hip strain in practice.

"We decided that it'd be best to rest that, rather than make it a continual problem for her," Beach said. "She's already working beam again this week, and we're definitely planning on her doing floor this weekend."

The Falcons will need Wishart if they hope to compete with a top opponent like West Virginia. The Mountaineers tallied a 194.263 average in the first two meets, scoring as high as 195.1.

"We're just trying to build on what we did last weekend," Beach said. "I'm not so concerned with what team comes through the door right now; I'm just concerned with what our team is doing and how they take that next step."

Saturday's meet is scheduled for 6 p.m. in Anderson Arena. In celebration of Parent's Night, BG gymnasts will be accompanied by their parents during the march-in ceremony.

BG hockey heads west for weekend series with Alaska

By Matt Nye
Reporter

The BG hockey team is back in action this weekend, on the road against Alaska-Fairbanks.

The Falcons will be looking to avenge their two shut-out losses handed to them by the Nanooks in November. The Falcons were outscored 5-0 in the two-game series.

BG is coming off two shootout wins over Ohio State and seems to be building some momentum heading into the latter stage of the season. However, the Falcons are currently riding a 12-game regulation losing streak that dates all the way back to Nov. 12 against Canisius.

A positive heading into the Alaska-Fairbanks series is the recent play of junior Marc Rodriguez and freshman Ted Pletsch. Rodriguez has been out because of injury, but he recorded a goal against the Buckeyes, which was his first point since Jan. 8 of last year.

"It feels great to be back," Rodriguez said. "I was surprised with how good I felt my first series

"I was surprised with how good I felt my first series back. I feel I'm doing well with my faceoffs, which is good because I knew that was an area where I needed to improve."

Marc Rodriguez | BG Forward

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Pletsch has come on strong, scoring two goals in the last four outings for the Falcons.

Making the trip to Alaska has not been kind of late for the Falcons. Their last win there came back in the 2008-09 season. BG is currently on a five-game losing streak to the Nanooks and looking to snap that this weekend.

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Women's basketball continues MAC slate with game against Eastern Michigan

By Michele Wysocki
Assistant Sports Editor

It's the battle of the birds — part two.

The women's basketball team will be BG bound after its contest against the Miami RedHawks.

The Falcons will be back at the Stroh for a one-game home stand, where the Falcons will host the Eastern Michigan Eagles on Sunday.

The Falcons lead a balanced attack with Chrissy Steffen, Alexis Rogers and Jessica Slagle as their lead scorers. Rogers and Danielle Havel lead in rebounds, and the four of them combined have racked up 125 steals this season, entering play Thursday.

Rogers leads BG in both scoring and rebounds in conference play, while for the overall season, Steffen leads them in points with 15 per game.

Entering play Thursday, EMU is 11-6 overall and 3-1 in the MAC. They have won their last



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ALLISON PAPENFUSS, BG forward, looks to hit a layup during BG's 61-49 victory against Ohio earlier this season.

SWIMMING

Falcons resume dual-meet schedule

The BG swim team resumes its dual-meet schedule this weekend, with a match at Buffalo. The Falcons will take on the Bulls on Saturday at 2 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Alumni day scheduled

BG has announced that Alumni Day will take place Feb. 4, in conjunction with the men's and women's basketball games

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BG tennis resumes season against Duquesne

By Nate Doolin
Reporter

The BG women's tennis team will begin to make some noise for this year's team scoring portion of the season.

Saturday, the team will begin with Duquesne in Pittsburgh, Pa. after a two-month break in the schedule.

The Falcons have seen Duquesne twice this season during the BG Invitational — Sept. 16 and 17 — and the Rocket Invitational — Oct. 14 and 15.

In comparison to Duquesne's sole flight champion during the Falcon Invitational, the Falcons crowned four singles flight

champions with victories from sophomores Nikki Chiricosta and Emily Reuland, and juniors Maddy Eccleston and Katie Grubb. On the doubles side senior Jessica Easdale and Reuland gathered a flight victory, with Duquesne having nothing to show in the finals double bracket.

During the Rocket Invitational Eccleston, Grubb and Reuland each won their single flight brackets at the tourney. In doubles, Grubb and Reuland teamed up to go a perfect 3-0. Junior Mary Hill also was undefeated with Chiricosta for two matches and paired with Easdale in the final contest.

Overall the Falcons handed Duquesne a loss nine out of the ten times they met in match play on the singles and doubles side for the two-day tournament.

"I have had the chance to see [Duquesne] play a few times in the fall, and they do have a strong lineup all the way through," coach Penny Dean said.

Up until this point in the season, the Falcons won three flight championships at the Fall Mid-American Conference Invitational thanks to Chiricosta and Hill, while Eccleston paired up with Chiricosta to capture a doubles championship.

The Falcons also gath-



Maddy Eccleston
Co-led BG with a 22-6 record during the fall

ered 14 wins in the three-day ITA Midwest Regional tournament hosted at Columbus. They made a dent in the Green and White Invitational with a singles flight championship from Eccleston and a few key victories over Michigan State University.

Individual accomplishments have already been seen as Eccleston was named the Mid-American Conference's Female Scholar-Athlete of

the Week on Nov. 10 and the BGSU Papa John's Athlete of the week Nov. 7 for posting a 6-0 record at the Green and White Invitational in East Lansing, Mich.

The University also named Reuland Papa John's Athlete of the week Oct. 17 for her efforts in the Rocket Invitational.

The Falcons come well rested and conditioned for Saturday's matches thanks to the terrific efforts of Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Emmanuel Ashamu, coach Dean pointed out.

"The strength and conditioning coaches have always done a great job for us in the past, and [Ashamu] has espe-

cially done a great job getting the girls conditioned and prepared for the spring portion of the season," Dean said. "The knowledge he knows for tennis is huge and really has given our team the workouts we need."

Dean said Chiricosta has improved on her serve, and Grubb has done a great job polishing up her overall game and movement here in the offseason. Dean thinks the second half of the season should bring even better results; there could be some rough bumps along the way, but she feels good about the double team dynamics that are always changing with a tough schedule.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



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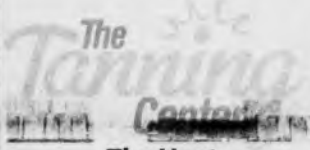
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BG track and field to play at Michigan

By Alex Krempasky
Reporter

The Falcons' track and field team is back in action this weekend as it travels to Ann Arbor, Mich. to participate in the Simmons-Harvey Invitational.

Teams that the Falcons will be competing against include Michigan, Detroit Mercy, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan.

Eyes will be on junior Jeanette Pettigrew, who won two individual races last Saturday at the Tom Wright Classic in Bowling Green.



Jeanette Pettigrew
Has won two individual races for BG this season

Pettigrew was also named the Papa John's Female Athlete of the Week by the BGSU athletic department for this week and will be running in the 60-meter dash, 200-meter dash, and the 4 x 400-meter relay.

The Falcons have one more home meet next Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Perry Field House.

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38 percent shooting, and I think Scott Thomas did a great job on defense with eight steals. He just did a great job all around."

Thomas was exceptional defensively throughout the course of the game. He recorded four steals in each half, and 10 of his 11 rebounds were on the defensive end of the court.

Those eight steals also moved him into fifth place all-time on BG's career steals list.

Offensively for the Falcons, Crawford took control of the game. Known more for his ability to distribute the ball, Crawford threw up a team-high tying 13 shots in the game.

He was efficient with those shots, making 10 of them — including a 1-for-2 mark from three-point range. He was also strong from the foul line, making four of five free throws.

"Jordan gave us the offense we needed," Orr said. "He was able to score and get into the lane."

While Miami forward Julian Mavunga was able to accumulate strong numbers — 17 points, seven assists and 13 free throw attempts — the Falcons did an exceptional job playing defense, particularly in the second half.

No other Miami player scored in double figures. While the RedHawks were able to shoot 50 percent from the field in the first half, the Falcons held them to only 38.5 percent shooting in the second half.

"The defense was the difference in the second half, and it felt good to be able to close the game out playing our man-to-man defense," Orr said. "We haven't been able to do that in awhile."

While the win pulls the Falcons back to .500 in the Mid-American Conference, the team will have a short turnaround, taking on Buffalo on Saturday at the Stroh Center.

Like the Falcons, the Bulls come into the game with a 2-2 conference record and are much better at home than on the road, carrying a 2-5 record in games played away from Alumni Arena.

The Bulls' two leading scorers are Javon McCrea and Mitchell Watt. While listed as a forward, Watt is the tallest member of the Bulls at 6 feet 10 inches. He

is second on the team in scoring with 15.2 points per game, and assists with 2.1 per game. He leads the team in rebounding with eight per game, and blocks with 2.6 per game.

McCrea is another all-around force; he leads the team with 16.2 points per game, is second on the team in rebounding, blocks and steals, and is third on the team in assists.

Overall, Buffalo leads the MAC in scoring at 74.5 points per contest. Its 46.5 field goal percent is top in the conference.

While The Bulls are seventh in the league in scoring defense, their 38.6 shooting percent against is second in the MAC.

The game is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Stroh Center.



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three games, with one win coming on the road to Toledo.

Tavelyn James leads the Eagles with 22.4 points per game. She was named the MAC West Player of the Week most recently, the same week Rogers was. It was the fifth time in her career that she received the accolade.

James had a game-high 30 points against Toledo — with the EMU win, it snapped Toledo's 17-game conference winning streak at home.

Like BG, the Eagles have three players in double digits — James, Olivia Fouty and Natachia Watkins.

Fouty also leads the team

in rebounds with 8.3, just as many as Rogers.

Both teams average nearly 70 points a game, and they hold their opponents in the 50s. BG averages more three-point shots than the Eagles with .311 percent compared to .246 percent.

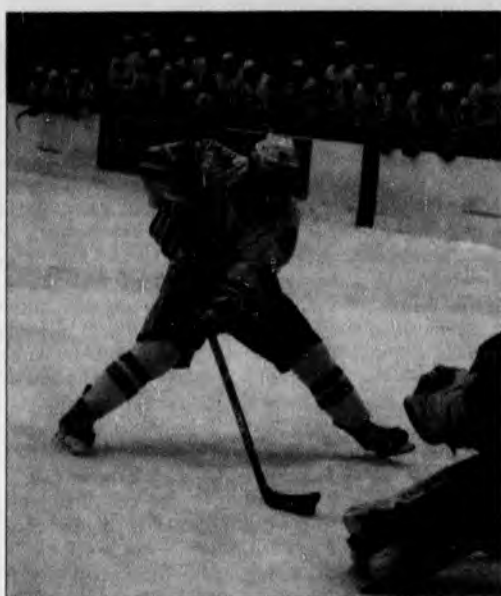
However, EMU is better at the line than the Falcons, Entering play on Thursday.

Sunday is "dollar day" at the Stroh Center. Tickets in sections 106-112 will be available for a dollar along with hot dogs, popcorn and pop.

The game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Chrissy Steffen

Leads BG with 14.9 points per game this season



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CAMERON SINCLAIR, BG forward, takes a shot on Western Michigan goalie Frank Slubowski during the Falcons' shootout loss to the Broncos this season.

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The Falcons will also have to deal with the loss of forward Brett Mohler, who has been ruled out for the remainder of the season with a shoulder injury.

Alaska comes into this series 7-11-4 overall and 4-10-4 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. The Nanooks have been balanced in the point department, with seven players having double-digit point totals this season.

Sophomore Cody Kunyk leads the team with 17 points and Colton Beck is close behind with 16 points.

Senior goalie Scott Greenham has started 20 games for the Nanooks this

season. He has posted a 6-10-4 record between the pipes and has a 2.52 goals-against-average. Greenham has recorded three shut-outs this season, with two of them coming against the Falcons.

Conversely, BG comes into the game with a 1-11-4-3 conference record.

Coach Chris Bergeron knows how Alaska-Fairbanks plays and is looking forward to another challenge against them.

"Alaska just plays," Bergeron said. "I never hear about them ever complaining. It seems like wherever they are, they are going to play the same way. I hope our intensity level stays where it has been; that will give us a chance to go there and compete at a high level."

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